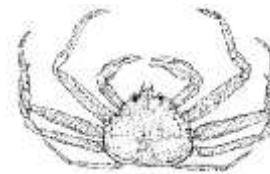

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SOUTHEAST ALASKA COMMERCIAL TANNER CRAB FISHING SEASON ANNOUNCEMENT

Petersburg . . . The Registration Area A Tanner crab harvest strategy [5 AAC 35.113] establishes commercial Tanner crab fishing season length using estimated mature male biomass and the number of registered pots at the start of the fishery. As of 4:40 a.m., Saturday, February 10, 2018, there are 58 pot vessels and 4,640 pots registered for the 2017/2018 commercial Tanner crab fishery. At the current estimated mature male biomass and effort level of 4,640 registered pots, the harvest strategy provides two additional days of season length in “core” and “non-core” areas. The 2017/2018 commercial Tanner crab fishery in Southeast Alaska will open in “core” and “non-core” areas (described in 5 AAC 35.113(c)) at 12:00 noon on **Saturday, February 10, 2018**. The season will close in “core” fishing areas after seven fishing days at 12:00 noon on **Saturday, February 17, 2018**, and close in “non-core” areas after twelve fishing days at 12:00 noon on **Thursday, February 22, 2018**.

Shellfish management staff will be available in Juneau/Douglas and Petersburg for permit holders during the duration of the Tanner fishery, including weekends on an “on-call” capacity. For assistance February 17-18, shellfish management staff in Juneau/Douglas can be reached at (907) 723-3342 and in Petersburg at (907) 518-1296.

The Emergency Order corresponding with this announcement is EO 1C0418.

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